



SolidarMed

Mission, Vision, Values and Principles

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1. Who we are

SolidarMed is a politically and denominationally neutral non-profit organisation active in development cooperation. Our head-office is based in Switzerland.

2. Our vision

Our vision is a world in which all people can live in the best possible health, with dignity and self-determination.

3. Our mission

As a competent and agile Non-Governmental-Organization (NGO) we develop local and innovative solutions for better health in Africa. We do this together with our partners. This means in particular:

3.1. Primary healthcare

We support our partners in expanding and sustainably improving preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health care.

3.2. Innovation

We develop and pilot new solutions to strengthen healthcare systems. We hereby act as a catalyst, who promotes local development and transfers innovations.

3.3. Knowledge and dialogue

Knowledge is a decisive factor for the improvement of healthcare. We process our knowledge, communicate our findings, and promote their application through dialogue and advocacy. We support our partners in the acquisition, dissemination, and application of knowledge.

3.4. Advocacy

Through awareness raising and policy dialogue, we advocate for the needs of people in our partner countries. In addition, we support our partners to voice and address their local health policy concerns.

4. Our values

4.1. Solidarity

Our commitment is based on an attitude of solidarity and partnership. The name SolidarMed bears witness to this.

4.2. Social equity

We are committed to ensuring that all people can realize their right to physical and mental health without discrimination, regardless of age, situation, gender, religion, place of residence or income.

4.3. Self-determined development

Health enables people to shape their lives freely and to realize their potential. We respect and promote the right to self-determined individual and societal development.

4.4. Integrity

Expertise, experience, trust and credibility are the capital and the basis of our work: SolidarMed is fair, transparent and respectful towards partners, beneficiaries, donors and its staff.

4.5. Sustainability

We stand for a reliable, binding and value-preserving development, which balances social, ecological, and economic concerns.

5. Our principles

5.1. Equal partnership

Our commitment is based on equal partnerships in which goals are jointly defined and projects are jointly implemented.

5.2. Accelerating local development

Competence and trust are the basis of our work. Through training, support and advice, we act as catalyst to local development.

5.3. Strengthening resilience

We strengthen the resilience of health and social systems so that they can cope better and faster with new and future challenges.

5.4. Helping people to help themselves

We support poor and disadvantaged people and communities in their efforts to make lasting improvements to their lives and health.

5.5. Scientific validation

Our programs are based on scientific evidence and in accordance with national and international standards. We pay attention to proven strategies and do not reinvent the wheel. We are committed to the principle of "do no harm".

5.6. Coherence

We design our programs coherently, in line with the goals of our partners and complementing the initiatives of other actors. We avoid duplication of efforts.

5.7. Learning from each other

We are a learning organization and, together with our partners, systematically review the results and impact of our programs and projects.

5.8. Acting together

We network with civil society, the private sector and state actors and promote exchange between the various levels.

5.9. Fair interaction

We are fair, transparent, and respectful in our external and internal relations. Our commitments to partners and staff are reliable and binding. We promote open communication.

5.10. Efficiency

We use funds and donations efficiently and in line with recognized quality standards. We promote good governance and anti-corruption both internally and externally.